Dr. G. Comer Duncan (left), physics and astronomy, examines a parallel-processing multi-computer board before it is installed in his Sun 4/260 Workstation computer. The board, manufactured by the Transtech Parallel Systems Corp. of New York, is the only one of its kind on the campus and the only one being used by a physics and astronomy department within the state.

The board houses 16 computer processors, which can act as 16 separate computers, each running concurrently with its own program and separate sets of data. This technique, known as parallel processing, enables the Sun computer to do a maximum of 25 million floating point calculations per second. (As a comparison, the University's VAX-785 system has the capacity of one million calculations per second.) Duncan said that he will use the computer to continue his research into Black Holes. Parallel processing will also be worked into the physics curriculum.

Other faculty members will be able to take advantage of the new computing power. Duncan said that since his computer is connected to the University-wide network, others will be able to utilize the new processor. A number of faculty members have expressed an interest in using the computer and Duncan said he encourages faculty members to contact him to learn more about the system.

Installing the board is Hugh Thomas, an applications engineer for Transtech. The board sells for $48,000, but with educational discounts, the University was able to purchase it for $39,000.

Governor names Medlin to Board of Trustees

George Ray Medlin Jr. of Toledo has been named to the Board of Trustees by Governor Richard Celeste.

Medlin succeeds J. Warren Hall, whose term expired in May.

Medlin’s term runs through May 1999. He currently is executive secretary-treasurer/business manager of the Northwest Ohio District Council of Carpenters where he is responsible for contractor relations.

He also is president of the Northwest Ohio Building and Construction Trades Unions, representing 10,000 members throughout northwest Ohio. The council consists of 19 affiliated local unions.

He previously worked as a business agent for the Millwrights Local Union 1393 in Toledo, and as a foreman for Catalytic Construction Company at Standard Oil.

Medlin entered into millwright apprenticeship in 1968 and has received certification from the George Meany Institute in labor law, the Ohio State Workers Compensation Institute and the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans.

Barber selected to be assistant to the president

Barber, English, has been named executive assistant to the president. He succeeds Dr. Philip Mason, who became vice president for University relations in April.

In his new assignment, which becomes effective Sept. 1, Barber will serve as the president’s office liaison with various campus groups, including Faculty Senate, Administrative Staff Council, Classified Staff Council, Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Senate. In addition, the University’s legal affairs will be coordinated by Barber.

He will also be the University’s representative to the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and serve as liaison with various city offices and community and state agencies.

Barber will work closely with the University’s Board of Trustees and is expected to be elected secretary to the board at the October meeting.

“I am delighted to welcome Dr. Barber as executive assistant to the president. His 10 years as chair of the Department of English, one of the largest departments at Bowling Green, and extensive experience as a faculty senator and program manager have made him well known to many people on campus and familiar with most University offices. He also has an excellent reputation as a teacher and scholar, making him an all around ‘clean-up hitter’ as far as I am concerned. I am sure he will be an asset for this office and I know he will serve the trustees and other members of our University community well,” Onscamp said.

For Barber, the move from the academic to the administrative side of the University represents a career change that he says “will be new and exciting. It provides an opportunity to work in different situations and with different people around the campus. I’m looking forward to this new assignment,” Barber said.

A specialist in twentieth century American drama and Shakespeare, Barber taught at the University of Delaware before joining the Bowling Green faculty in 1988. He was director of graduate studies in English from 1975-78 before becoming the department’s chair, a position he held for 10 years. He was interim chair during 1988-89.

For five years Barber also coordinated an exchange program between Bowling Green and the Xi'an Foreign Languages University in Xi'an, China. In 1986-87, he took part in the program and taught American literature and modern drama, an assignment that won him a model teacher award from the Chinese university.

In 1989-90, Barber received a Fulbright Senior Lectureship to teach American literature and drama and to conduct research in 20th century Yugoslav theater and drama at the University of Ljubljana in Yugoslavia.

A 14-year member of the Faculty Senate, Barber has served on numerous University committees.

Howick honored with entrepreneur award

George Howick, director of the Management Center, is among eight business professionals honored recently as part of the second annual Entrepreneur of the Year Program. It is sponsored by the Toledo accounting firm of Ernst & Young, Inc. Magazine and Merrill Lynch.

The program was established to recognize business people who are successful entrepreneurs and those who actively have encouraged entrepreneurs. This year there were 74 nominations with a panel of judges choosing 25 finalists from 23 organizations.

Howick was a co-recipient with James A. Pours of General Alumni & Chemical Corp., of the Supporter of Entrepreneurship award. The honor goes to persons who have assisted other entrepreneurs to become successful.

Other awards were given in public company.

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Ice show raises $16,166 for the cancer society

Gold medalist Scott Hamilton and his friends were able to raise $16,166 for the American Cancer Society as a result of their ice show performance April 25 at the Ice Arena.

Greg Jordan, director of the Ice Arena, said a check for the amount recently was presented to the American Cancer Society. It was the largest contribution received from any of six ice shows that have been performed in Bowling Green, and brings the total donated to $121,714.

"The overall success of the show and the positive responses from the spectators is far greater than we ever expected," Jordan said. "The cast and crew (which included the Naked Zoo Sound and Lighting Company from Minneapolis, who also donated their time and equipment) were as excited about the show as the audience."

"It is obvious to me that everyone would like to see the show return in the future. The best part is everyone saw a great show while a significant financial contribution was made to fight cancer. With the people of northwest Ohio for their continued support."

Jordan donated his time for the show, along with fellow skaters Kathleen Schmelz, Lea Ann Miller, Bill Fauver, Roz Summers, Kitty and Peter Carmack, and Brian Orser. Jordan said discussions are being conducted to arrange future shows.

Auction is scheduled

Inventory management will hold an auction at 12:30 p.m. Friday (July 6) at the old paint shop/storage building off Troup Ave. It will include items such as old bicycles and typewriters.

Watch your weight

The next Weight Watchers program will be offered starting July 19 and will run through Aug. 23. Each session will be from noon to 12:30 p.m. with the location to be announced.

Persons interested in attending these informal lunches which usually include a program should contact Ruth Miklon or Karol Hechman in personnel offices at 372-2299.

Applications accepted for dean position

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of dean of continuing education and summer programs. The dean, who reports to the vice president for academic affairs, has leadership responsibility to evaluate existing activities and create new directions consistent with the University's mission and appropriate to the surrounding area.

Candidates should have the following qualifications:

-Record of significant accomplishments in managing/developing education programs for traditional and non-traditional students.
-Skill in structuring a flexible organization, managing approximately 25 professional and support staff and administering income-expense budgets.
-Willfulness in working with the faculty, colleges and administrative offices of the University to address the educational needs of traditional and non-traditional students.
-A doctoral degree and significant experience in adult education and continuing education at the local and national level are required. BGSU has an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Review of applications will begin July 23. Considerations or a letter of application, resume and names of three references to Norma Stickler, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, 230 McFall Center.

Faculty/Staff positions

The following faculty positions are available:

Biological Sciences: Evolutionary biologist. Deadline: Sept. 15. Also, instructor (temporary, full-time). Deadline: July 7. For both positions, contact Reginald Noble (2-3232).

College of Arts and Sciences or College of Business Administration: Associate professor/professor of Canadian studies. Contact Michael Marsden (2-2015). Deadline: Aug. 1. Screening will begin. Position will remain open until filled.

College of Technology: Dean. Contact Norma Stickler (2-9151). Deadline: Aug. 15.


Political Science: Assistant professor (anticipated). Contact H. Kenneth Hibben (2-2921).

School of Health, Physical Education and Recreation: Instructor in dance (temporary, full-time). Contact Deborah Tell (2-6189). Also, instructor/assistant professor, elementary school physical education specialist (temporary, full-time). Contact Pamela Allison (2-6297). Deadlines: July 15 or until positions are filled.


The following administrative positions are available:

Personnel Services: Executive director. Contact Shirley Colander (2-2556). Deadline: July 5.